

Water use Restrictions May 1 to September 30

MassDEP requires us to implement water use restrictions as part of our withdrawal permit.

Last year MassDEP changed the rules for water restrictions. They tied water withdrawal permits to the Massachusetts Drought Monitor. Most of the towns around us do not allow or have extreme limited water use restrictions.

Summer time residential sprinkler use is an extreme burden on the system. To try to continue to allow residential sprinkler systems this year water use will be **allowed** by:
Odd/Even House Numbers matched to Odd/Even Calendar Days, with restricted hours.
Violators will be subject to fines.

If you have an **Even** numbered house, then on **Even Numbered Calendar Days**
Sprinkler use is allowed from 5 PM until 9AM, No water use from 9AM to 5 PM.

If you have an **Odd** numbered house, then on **Odd Numbered Calendar Days**
Sprinkler use is allowed from 5 PM until 9AM, No water use from 9AM to 5 PM.

If the drought advisory is upgraded, we will be required upgrade the water use restrictions. Please pay attention to the Town and Water Dept. websites for updates on restrictions.

At this time, it is not a ban. Other water uses are permitted please use our water sensibly. The restrictions are on sprinkler use currently. Please watch for signage as we enjoy our summer months.

In order to deliver water to your house we need you to abide by these rules. If we run our wells dry for green lawns, there is no place to get more water. The cost of tying into another town would be exponential. We would also not be able to control the quality or quantity of our water. We would most likely be subject to extreme use limitations. Below are some sites about lawn watering.

<https://www.pennington.com/all-products/grass-seed/resources/manage-your-lawn-and-water-use-wisely>

<https://ag.umass.edu/landscape/fact-sheets/efficient-outdoor-watering>

<https://www.joshuatreeexperts.com/blog/common-myths-lawn-watering-how-to-do-it-right>

<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watering-tips>

Thank you for your compliance
West Bridgewater Water Department